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Hanafi Calls for Ethics, Professionalism in Medical Practice

KABUL: Deputy Prime Minister for Administrative Affairs Mawlavi Abdul Salam Hanafi has called on Afghan doctors to uphold the highest ethical and professional standards, saying medical practice in Islam is rooted in human dignity, compassion, and responsibility.

Addressing a scientific conference on medical ethics organized by the General Staff Health Command, Hanafi said physicians must combine professional expertise with honesty, integrity, piety, and compassion, stressing that medical practice without adequate knowledge and specialization is unacceptable, according to a statement from Arg on Tuesday.

He urged healthcare professionals to remain committed to both ethical values and professional excellence in serving patients.

According to another statement from Arg the other day, a high-level delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister for Administrative Affairs Mawlavi Abdul Salam Hanafi has inspected the Pul-e-Charkhi detention facility to assess detainees' living conditions and review health, legal, and administrative services.The delegation evaluated medical care, sanitation, accommodation, food and water supplies, recreational facilities, and legal affairs before directing officials to improve services and ensure detainees are treated in accordance with Islamic law and their legal rights.**The Kabul Times**

Muttaqi Applauds Qatar's Support for Afghanistan's International Engagement

KABUL: The country's Foreign Minister Mawlavi Amir Khan Muttaqi has applauded Qatar's continued support for Afghanistan's engagement with the international community, according to a statement from the ministry on Tuesday.Muttaqi made the remarks during a meeting with Qatar's Ambassador to Afghanistan, Dr. Murdif Al-Qashouti, the statement said.

According to the statement, the two sides reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations and expanding cooperation on regional issues.

Muttaqi described relations between Afghanistan and Qatar as positive and steadily expanding, praising Doha's constructive role and continued efforts in facilitating engagement between the Islamic Emirate and the international community.Meanwhile, Ambassador Al-Qashouti described relations between the two countries as historic and deeply rooted, reaffirming Qatar's commitment to supporting constructive dialogue and strengthening Afghanistan's engagement with the international community through its mediation-focused foreign policy.The meeting highlighted the shared commitment of both countries to further deepen diplomatic cooperation and maintain close coordination on regional and international matters.**The Kabul Times**

MoIC Pledges Greater Support for Journalism Education

KABUL: Mawlavi Hayatullah Muhajir Farahi, Deputy Minister of Information and Culture for Publications Affairs, , has pledged stronger government support for journalism education during a meeting with Parwan University Chancellor Dr. Mawlavi Mohammad Aziz Kazim.

Farahi emphasized the importance of strengthening the country's media sector by expanding specialized training programs, enhancing the professional skills of journalism students, and improving access to academic resources, according to a statement from the ministry on Tuesday.

He said investing in journalism education is essential to developing a skilled and professional media workforce for Afghanistan.

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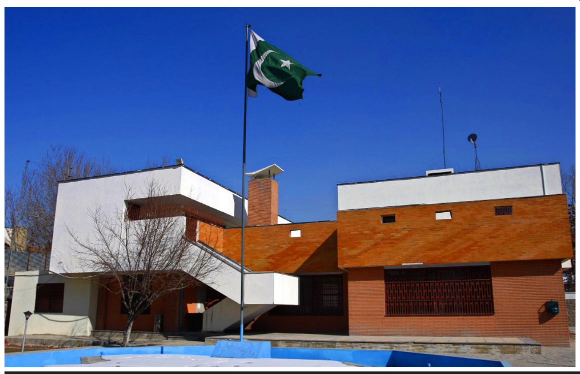
Islamic Emirate Warns Pakistan Embassy Closure Amid Escalating Tensions



KABUL: The Islamic Emirate has warned that closing Pakistan's embassy in Kabul remains among the options under consideration if Islamabad continues carrying out military attacks inside Afghanistan.In an interview with TOLOnews, Mawlavi Zabihullah Mujahid, the Islamic Emirate spokesman, said Afghanistan would respond to Pakistan's latest airstrikes "at the appropriate time," while stressing that those responsible for what he described as the attacks would face consequences.Mujahid said the recent strikes, which reportedly caused civilian casualties, would not go unanswered and pledged justice for the victims, particularly children killed in the attacks.He also alleged that a "particular military circle" in Pakistan may be acting under the influence of major external powers seeking to destabilize the region, while emphasizing that Afghanistan should continue to exercise patience despite the rising tensions.**The Kabul Times**

EU Calls for Protection of Civilians After Pakistan Airstrikes on Eastern Provinces

BRUSSELS: The European Union has called for the full protection of civilians following Pakistan's recent airstrikes inside Afghanistan, urging all parties to respect international humanitarian law and avoid further escalation.

EU foreign affairs spokesman Anouar El Anouni stressed the other day that humanitarian law must be observed under all circumstances and called for immediate de-escalation and restraint.

The remarks come amid growing international concern over the latest strikes by the Pakistani military regime's forces, which have reportedly resulted in civilian casualties and heightened tensions between the two neighbouring countries.

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More Than 70 Major Road Projects Underway Nationwide, Deputy PM Office

KABUL: The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs said in a statement on Tuesday that 74 major road construction projects are currently being implemented across the country, creating employment for over 132,000 people. The Ministry of Public Works is overseeing several strategic infrastructure projects, including the second carriageway of the Kabul–Ghazni highway, the Salang Highway, the Nuristan–Kunar road, the Dasht-e-Archi–Kunduz road, the Kandahar–Spin Boldak highway, the Kandahar–Helmand road, the Badghis Ring Road, and the Qosh Tepa–Darzab road, the statement said. The nationwide projects have also generated work for nearly 10,000 vehicles, describing the road program as part of broader efforts to improve transportation networks, stimulate economic activity, and expand employment opportunities, the statement added.

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UN Chief Calls for Immediate De-Escalation Between Afghanistan, Pakistan

NEW YORK: United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has called for an immediate end to the recent hostilities between Afghanistan and the Pakistan Pakistani Military Regime, urging both countries to resolve their differences through dialogue while ensuring the protection of civilians.

UN spokesman Stéphane Dujarric said the other that Guterres expressed deep concern over the escalating tensions and stressed that all parties must uphold their obligations under international humanitarian law.

Dujarric added that the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has confirmed civilian casualties resulting from Pakistani airstrikes in the provinces of Paktia, Paktika, and Kunar, where numerous civilians were reportedly killed and injured.

Based on figures released by officials of the Islamic Emirate, the Pakistani military regime's airstrikes on the affected provinces resulted in the martyrdom of 36 civilians and injuries to 163 others, including women and children.

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UNDP, Agriculture Ministry Discuss Farming, Alternative Livelihoods

KABUL: The country's Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock Mawlavi Ataullah Omari, in a meeting with Stephen Rodriguez, representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Afghanistan, discussed farming and alternative livelihoods programs.Both sides explored ways to broaden joint development initiatives and support sustainable agricultural growth, the ministry said in a statement on Tuesday.According to the statement, Rodriguez highlighted UNDP's ongoing projects in alternative livelihoods and rural reconstruction, noting that the organization has distributed chemical fertilizers to 2,000 farmers, established greenhouses, created agricultural markets, implemented various farming support programs, and completed 270 infrastructure projects in different parts of Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, Omari said the Islamic Emirate has also increased customs tariffs on certain imported agricultural products, particularly vegetables, fruits, and dried dairy products, to strengthen protection for domestic farmers and boost local production.**The Kabul Times**

Jawzjan Hosts Government-Media Coordination Meeting

KABUL: A coordination meeting has been held between government officials and media representatives in Jawzjan aimed at strengthening cooperation, improving communication, and addressing challenges facing journalists and media outlets in the province, the Ministry of Information and Culture said in a statement on Tuesday.

Speaking at the meeting, the provincial governor Mawlavi Abdullah Sarhadi described the media as a key pillar of governance, saying balanced and accurate reporting plays a crucial role in informing the public and reinforcing trust between the government and society.

He highlighted recent government efforts in combating narcotics, assisting citizens and returnees, and implementing development projects, stressing that responsible cooperation between state institutions and the media can contribute to national stability, unity, and progress.

Officials from the Directorate of Information and Culture reaffirmed their commitment to supporting journalists and promoting professional, fact-based reporting, while participants pledged to strengthen coordination and responsible media engagement.

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India Condemns Pakistan Airstrikes on Afghanistan, Backs Afghan Sovereignty

NEW DELHI: India has strongly condemned Pakistan's recent airstrikes on Afghanistan, describing the attacks as a "clear act of aggression" that violated Afghan sovereignty and endangered regional peace and stability.

In a statement the other day, India's Ministry of External Affairs said the strikes, which reportedly killed and injured civilians, including women and children, constituted a serious breach of Afghanistan's territorial integrity.

The ministry expressed condolences to the families of the victims and reaffirmed India's firm support for Afghanistan's sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity, while warning that such actions threaten regional stability.

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Civilian Bloodshed in Paktia: A Crime Against Humanity

The latest airstrike in Paktia province marks yet another dark chapter in the ongoing tragedy inflicted on Afghan civilians. Pakistan's military regime launched an aerial assault on a residential home in the Mande Khail area of Samkani district. When neighbors rushed to rescue the wounded, a second strike followed, deliberately targeting those who had gathered. The result was catastrophic as thirty-six civilians were martyred and 163 injured, according to local officials.

Eyewitness accounts leave little room for ambiguity. The victims were not combatants, nor were they affiliated with any armed group. They were women, children, and ordinary residents whose only crime was being present in their own homes and community. The deliberate targeting of civilians, especially in a second strike aimed at rescuers, constitutes a grave violation of international humanitarian law. It is not only an atrocity but a war crime.

Pakistan's military regime has attempted to justify the attack by claiming it targeted members of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Local authorities and residents have categorically rejected this narrative, describing it as baseless and deceitful. Such claims are a familiar tactic: shifting blame and masking civilian massacres under the guise of counterterrorism.

Yet the reality on the ground is undeniable, innocent lives were extinguished, families shattered, and communities terrorized. This is not an isolated incident as similar strikes have previously devastated districts in Khost, Paktika, and Kunar, leaving dozens dead and wounded. The pattern is clear which is repeated violations of Afghan sovereignty and repeated assaults on civilian populations. Each attack deepens the wounds of a nation already scarred by decades of war, displacement, and suffering.

The international community cannot remain silent in the face of such brutality. Silence emboldens aggressors and normalizes the killing of innocents.

Accountability must be demanded, and justice must be pursued. The deliberate targeting of civilians is a crime against humanity, and those responsible must be held to account in international forums. For Afghanistan, the tragedy is compounded by the resilience of its people. Local residents, though grieving, have declared their readiness to defend their communities and confront the aggressors. Their voices echo a collective determination that civilian blood will not be shed in vain, and that the sacrifices of the innocent demand a serious, decisive, and crushing response.

The airstrike in Paktia is more than a local tragedy; it is a test of global conscience. Will the world continue to overlook the systematic killing of Afghan civilians, or will it finally recognize these acts for what they are? Of course, they are crimes that demand justice. The answer will determine not only the fate of Afghanistan's people but also the credibility of international law itself.

Pak Military Regime Condemned for Airstrikes on Civilians in Paktia

By:Rahmat Shah Faraz

The overnight airstrikes carried out by Pakistan's military regime in Samkani district of Paktia province have once again revealed the brutal disregard for human life that characterizes its cross-border operations. This attack, which deliberately struck civilian homes, left three members of one family dead and more than thirty injured, sparking outrage among survivors and residents who are now demanding justice and an international investigation.

At the center of this tragedy is Bismillah Khan, as quoted by private TOLOnews an ordinary Afghan citizen whose home was reduced to rubble. Khan, currently receiving treatment at the Paktia Regional Hospital, lost three relatives in the bombing while more than thirty others sustained injuries. His voice, trembling with grief and anger, carried a desperate plea: "How long will this situation continue? It is worse than death. I respectfully ask the honorable minister to give a decisive response. We are also ready to cooperate." His words reflect the anguish of a man who has seen his family destroyed and his community terrorized.

According to his brother, Pacha Khan, the house was a private residence purchased with their own money. No armed groups were present, no guests were inside, and no military activity was taking place. Yet the home was targeted, and even local villagers who rushed to help after the first strike were hit in a second wave of bombing. This chilling detail demonstrates the deliberate nature of the attack, which cannot be justified under any pretext of counter-terrorism.

Another relative, Zaker Jan, emphasized that Bismillah Khan was a civilian who earned his livelihood through hard work. "Why should he have been targeted? This incident must be investigated," he said. His testimony underscores the fact that the victims were ordinary people, not combatants, and that Pakistan's military regime knowingly struck civilian property.

The destruction extended beyond one household. Several neighboring homes were also damaged, leaving families displaced, traumatized, and fearful of further attacks. Women, children, and elderly residents bore the brunt of the violence, suffering injuries and losing their shelters. Such actions are blatant violations of international humanitarian law, which prohibits attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure. Targeting homes filled with families is not only immoral but constitutes a war crime under the Geneva Conventions.

Residents of Samkani district have united in their demand for an independent investigation led by the United Nations and supported by regional countries. They insist that this is not the first time Pakistan's military regime has violated Afghan sovereignty with deadly consequences. Previous cross-border strikes have also killed and injured civilians, yet accountability has remained elusive. The people of Paktia argue that silence and inaction will only embolden aggressors to continue their campaign of terror.

The broader implications of these attacks are grave. Afghanistan, already scarred by decades of war, faces renewed instability when its civilians are subjected to external aggression. Such strikes undermine peace efforts, destabilize border communities, and fuel resentment that could spill over into regional conflict. The international community must recognize that tolerating these violations threatens not only Afghanistan's security but also the stability of South Asia as a whole.

Human rights organizations and global institutions have a moral duty to respond. The United Nations must launch a transparent investigation, document the crimes, and hold perpetrators accountable. Regional powers must pressure Pakistan's military regime to cease its unlawful operations and respect Afghan sovereignty. Without decisive action, justice will remain elusive, and innocent lives will continue to be lost.

The survivors' testimonies are powerful reminders of the human cost of war. Bismillah Khan's grief, Pacha Khan's outrage, and Zaker Jan's demand for accountability echo the voices of countless Afghan families who have suffered similar tragedies. Their call for justice must not be ignored.

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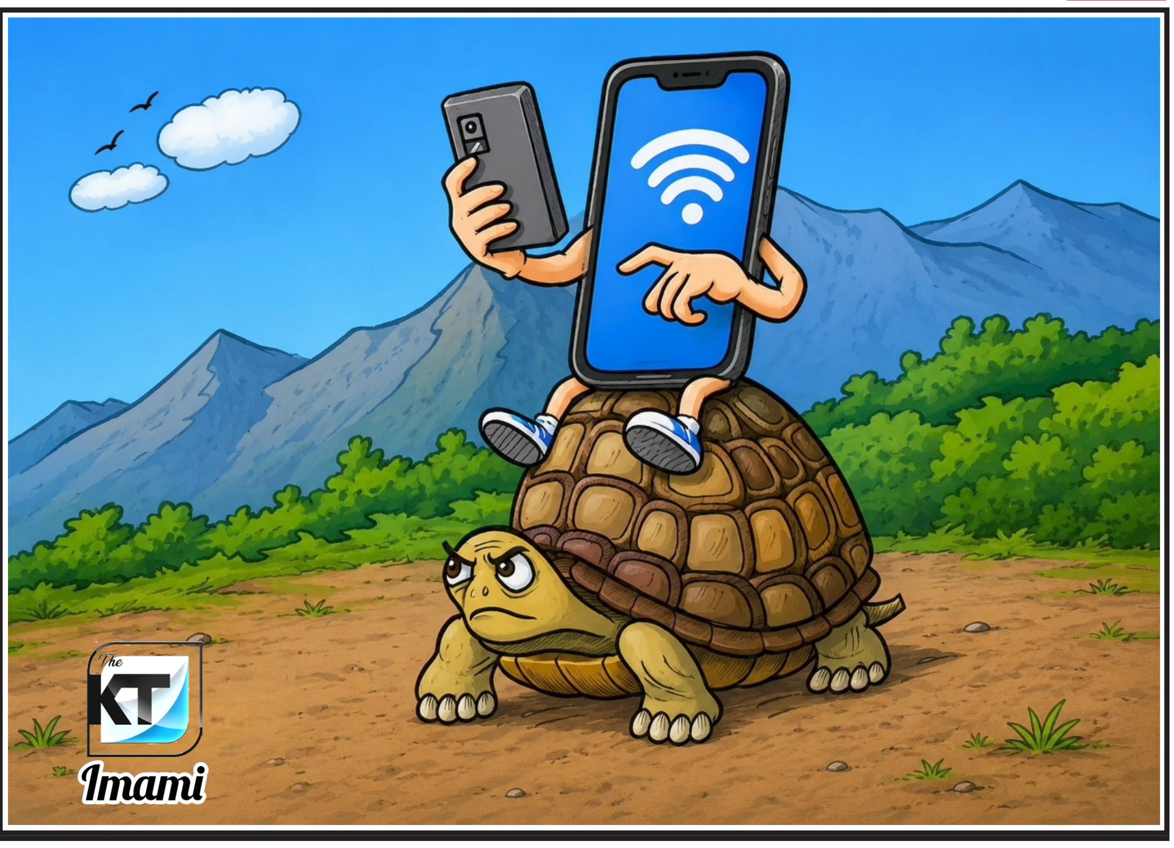
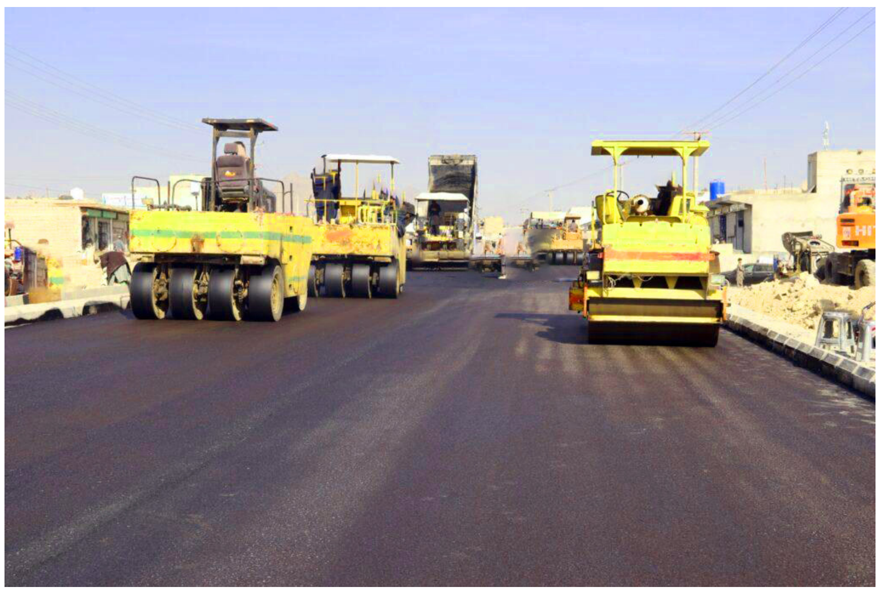


Afghanistan: Nationwide Road Construction Projects to Drive Growth & Connectivity

By: Sayed Sharif



Afghanistan is intensifying the development of its road network as a central pillar of national development, regional integration, and economic transformation. After years, Afghanistan has got the chance to go for the implementation of major road construction projects.

In a statement released on Tuesday, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs said that 74 major road construction projects were under construction across the country, creating employment for over 132,000 people.

According to the statement, the Ministry of Public Works is overseeing several strategic infrastructure projects, including the second carriageway of the Kabul–Ghazni highway, the Salang Highway, the Nuristan–Kunar road, the Dasht-e-Archi–Kunduz road, the Kandahar–Spin Boldak highway, the Kandahar–Helmand road, the Badghis Ring Road, and the Qosh Tepa–Darzab road.

The nationwide projects have also generated work for nearly 10,000 vehicles, describing the road program as part of broader efforts to improve transportation networks, stimulate economic activity, and expand employment opportunities, the statement added.

For Afghanistan, the importance of these major roads cannot be overstated.

Afghanistan's landscape is dominated by rugged mountains, narrow valleys, and vast rural areas where many communities live far from major urban centers. These geographical realities have historically made transportation difficult and costly.

In some areas, travel between villages and provincial capitals can take many hours or even days due to poor road conditions.

In such a setting, small and major road construction projects are more than a matter of convenience - It is a critical element of national development.

Major road projects in Afghanistan are vital for the country's economic recovery, poverty reduction, and regional integration.

They connect remote agricultural communities to national markets, significantly reduce transportation costs and travel times, and provide crucial employment opportunities for tens of thousands of local workers. The Islamic Emirate has put construction of these major road projects in its top working priority.

It is the first time this big number of major road construction projects is being implemented in the country. With completion of these projects, the travel times will significantly cut down, the transportation costs will considerably lower and enhance road safety, resulting in a more efficient logistics system that supports trade, industrialisation, and agricultural productivity.

Improved road access is also transforming daily life by connecting communities, particularly in previously underserved areas, to markets and other key institutions.

By prioritising major road construction projects, Afghanistan is building a resilient, reliable, and sustainable transport system that can help drive growth and connectivity. This effort is strengthening local businesses, creating employment opportunities, and reinforcing the country's position as a regional economic hub. The ambitious road development drive underscores Afghanistan's commitment to inclusive economic growth, improved living standards, and long-term national prosperity.

MoRR, UN Agencies to Expand Support for Returning Afghans

KABUL: Officials from the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation of the Islamic Emirate, in a meeting with representatives of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP), have agreed to strengthen cooperation to address the growing needs of Afghan returnees and expand humanitarian assistance.

The meeting focused on enhancing the United Nations' role in supporting returning refugees and finding practical solutions to the challenges they face after returning to Afghanistan.

Officials stressed the importance of increasing humanitarian aid and improving coordination to ensure returnees receive the assistance they need.

The meeting also underscored the importance of continued collaboration between the Afghan government and UN agencies to facilitate the reintegration of returnees and strengthen support mechanisms amid the ongoing influx of Afghans returning from neighboring countries.

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National Unity: The Cornerstone of Afghanistan's Dignity, Stability, and Development

By: Azar Rasikh

Afghanistan, our beloved homeland, is a country that throughout its long and remarkable history has been known for its resilience, rich cultural heritage, ancient civilization, and the dignity and faith of its people.

Despite enduring decades of conflict, hardship, and political upheaval, Afghanistan remains the common home of millions of people who speak different languages, belong to diverse ethnic communities, and practice a variety of cultural traditions. This diversity, when accompanied by mutual respect, solidarity, and a shared national vision, can become one of the nation's greatest strengths and the foundation for lasting prosperity.

Today, perhaps more than at any other point in its contemporary history, Afghanistan needs national unity, social cohesion, brotherhood, and collective responsibility. At a time when the country faces economic, social, educational, and developmental challenges, the only force capable of guiding the nation toward a stable and prosperous future is the unity of its people and their shared commitment to the country's well-being. No society can achieve sustainable peace, progress, or prosperity without solidarity among its citizens.

National unity does not require that all people belong to the same ethnicity, speak the same language, or hold identical views. Rather, the true meaning of unity lies in accepting differences, respecting diverse opinions and identities, and working together toward common national goals. When all citizens of Afghanistan regard themselves as members of one national family, differences cease to be sources of division and instead become opportunities for mutual understanding, cooperation, and collective growth.

The history of Afghanistan offers numerous examples of the decisive role that unity and solidarity have played in preserving the country's independence, dignity, and identity.

Whenever the people of Afghanistan have stood together in times of hardship, they have demonstrated extraordinary resilience and have successfully overcome immense challenges.

Conversely, periods marked by division, mistrust, and internal conflict have often resulted in weakness, instability, and setbacks.

This historical experience teaches an important lesson: 'no national asset is more valuable than unity.'

Brotherhood and solidarity are not only social virtues but also fundamental principles deeply rooted in Islamic teachings. Islam calls upon believers to practice compassion, justice, forgiveness, cooperation, and mutual respect while rejecting division, hatred, and hostility. The Holy Quran emphasizes the importance of unity and brotherhood among believers, encouraging societies to uphold justice, preserve social harmony, and strengthen mutual support.

True brotherhood means desiring for others what one desires for oneself. It means sharing in one another's joys and hardships, extending support to those in need, and treating all individuals with dignity and fairness. A society in which the spirit of brotherhood prevails enjoys greater social trust, psychological security, and collective hope. Such a society is better equipped to confront challenges and build a stable future.

Social solidarity emerges when individuals understand that the success of one member of society contributes to the success of all, and that the suffering of one family ultimately affects the entire community. If a child is deprived of education, if a family lives in poverty, or if a young person lacks opportunities for employment and advancement, the consequences extend far beyond the individual. They affect the social, economic, and moral fabric of the whole nation. Therefore, social responsibility and concern for the welfare of others are essential components of national unity.

Afghanistan's diversity is among its greatest treasures.

Throughout history, all ethnic groups, regions, and communities of the country have contributed to its civilization, culture, traditions, and national identity.

No single community alone can fully represent the rich and complex identity of Afghanistan.

The beauty and strength of the nation lie precisely in its diversity and the ability of its people to coexist peacefully while preserving their unique identities.

When diversity is accompanied by mutual respect and cooperation, it becomes a powerful force for national development.

The younger generation has a particularly important role to play in strengthening national unity and shaping Afghanistan's future. Young people represent the energy, creativity, and hope of the nation. They possess the potential to become bridges between communities and promoters of peace, dialogue, and cooperation. By embracing the values of mutual respect, teamwork, tolerance, and civic responsibility, Afghanistan's youth can lay the foundation for a more prosperous and harmonious society.

Young people must reject divisive rhetoric, prejudice, misinformation, and hatred. Instead, they should become ambassadors of friendship, understanding, and national solidarity. Through education, constructive dialogue, entrepreneurship, public service, and community engagement, they can contribute significantly to the country's progress and stability. The future of Afghanistan will largely depend on the vision, character, and commitment of its youth.

The media also bears tremendous responsibility in promoting unity and social cohesion. Responsible journalism can strengthen national identity by highlighting examples of successful coexistence, promoting mutual understanding, encouraging constructive dialogue, and emphasizing shared achievements and aspirations. On the other hand, the spread of misinformation, inflammatory rhetoric, and divisive narratives can inflict lasting damage on social harmony and national stability.

Educational institutions likewise play a vital role in shaping future generations. Schools, universities, and educational centers should not merely transmit knowledge but also cultivate values such as respect, tolerance, cooperation, civic responsibility, and national consciousness. Teachers and educators have the unique opportunity to strengthen the foundations of unity by fostering fairness, understanding, and ethical values among students.

The family remains the first and most important institution in shaping human character.

Children who grow up in homes where respect, kindness, honesty, cooperation, and compassion are practiced are more likely to become responsible, law-abiding, and socially conscious citizens.

Parents therefore bear a profound responsibility in nurturing a generation that values brotherhood, unity, and mutual respect.

Today, perhaps more than ever, Afghans must recognize that the true enemies of the nation are not differences in language, ethnicity, culture, or regional identity.

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Afghan Volleyball Stars Begin Quest for Regional Glory

In the heart of Kabul, the air is thick with anticipation as Afghanistan's national volleyball team kicks off a high-stakes training camp. Under the bright lights of the National Sports Administration's 2,500-seat gymnasium, 52 of the country's finest athletes have spent the last few days pushing their limits, all with one goal in mind: the 2026 Central Asian Volleyball Cup.

Leading the charge is the Iranian head coach, Mohammad Asadollahi. His approach is both rigorous and meticulous, focusing on refining the team's technical and tactical foundations. From perfecting high-pressure serves and blocks to tightening up defensive maneuvers, every drill is a calculated step toward transforming the squad into a formidable contender.

However, the atmosphere in the gym is as competitive as it is collaborative.

While 52 players are currently sweating it out on the court, this camp is a high-pressure audition. Having started on June 26th and set to conclude by July 21st, the selection process will be brutal—only the top 14 players will earn the honor of representing Afghanistan on the international stage.

The road ahead leads to Islamabad, Pakistan, where the tournament will ignite from July 19th to July 29th. It promises to be a massive regional showdown, featuring a diverse lineup of rivals including India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Central Asian powerhouses like Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan.

For these Afghan athletes, the next few weeks are about more than just sport; they are about resilience, national pride, and the dream of bringing home a trophy for their fans.

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Afghanistan Qualifies for FIFA U-15 World Cup, Youth Festival 2026, RTA

KABUL: The country's national under-15 football team has secured qualification for the FIFA U-15 World Cup and FIFA Youth Festival 2026, earning a place among the young nations set to compete in the global event later this year, RTA reported on Tuesday.

The tournament will be held in Azerbaijan from October 22 to 31, 2026, bringing together under-15 national teams from FIFA member associations in one of the world's premier youth football competitions.

Afghanistan's qualification marks a significant milestone for the country's youth football program and provides the young squad with an opportunity to showcase its talent on the international stage against some of the world's top emerging football nations.

The FIFA U-15 World Cup and Youth Festival is designed to promote youth development and international competition, offering promising players valuable experience while strengthening grassroots football across FIFA's member associations.

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Mohammad Nabi Returns to Afghanistan for Shpageeza Cricket League Participation

KABUL: Afghanistan national cricket team all-rounder Mohammad Nabi Isakhail has returned to the country to take part in the upcoming Shpageeza Cricket League, one of Afghanistan's premier domestic cricket tournaments, RTA Sport reported on Tuesday.According to cricket officials, Nabi arrived in Afghanistan on Monday morning to join the Mis Ainak Region squad for the new season of the competition and his participation is expected to add significant experience and attention to the tournament, as he remains one of the most senior and influential figures in Afghan cricket.

The Shpageeza Cricket League is scheduled to begin this Wednesday in Khost Province, where teams from different regional sides will compete in the country's top T20 domestic event.

The tournament traditionally features a mix of established national players and emerging young talent, providing an important platform for domestic cricket development in Afghanistan.Nabi's return has also increased anticipation among fans ahead of the opening matches, with Mis Ainak aiming to strengthen their campaign with the presence of the experienced all-rounder.

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Afghan Para-Cyclist Embarks on a Mission of Hope from Kabul to Ghazni

The streets of Kabul witnessed the start of a remarkable journey that is about much more than just distance. Mudassar Mohammadi, a dedicated Afghan para-cyclist, set off from the National Paralympic Committee headquarters on a grueling 296-kilometer ride toward the province of Ghazni. His goal? To set a new national record and prove that boundaries only exist in the mind.

But for Mudassar, this mission isn't just about the miles. His journey, which is also slated to take him through the provinces of Kapisa and Khost, serves as a powerful campaign for inclusion. By hitting the open road, he aims to shine a spotlight on the incredible strength and potential of athletes with disabilities. He wants to show every young person in Afghanistan that physical challenges are not obstacles, but rather catalysts for extraordinary achievements.

This initiative is a heartfelt call to the community to embrace a culture of sports and to support the Paralympic movement with pride. As Mudassar pedals across the Afghan landscape, he carries a message of hope and courage, showcasing the untapped talent of Afghan athletes to both national and international audiences. It is a journey driven by heart, intended to inspire a nation to look past disabilities and celebrate the true spirit of human potential.

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Ensuring Security Top Priority, Minister

KABUL: The Minister of Borders, Tribes and Tribal Affairs of the Islamic Emirate, Mullah Noorullah Noori, said safeguarding the country's security and protecting its territory remain among the Islamic Emirate's highest priorities.

Speaking at a gathering of Shia religious scholars in Kabul, Noori said national unity, freedom, and security have been established across the country, stressing that no one will be allowed to undermine Afghanistan's stability, according to a statement from the ministry on Tuesday.

He stated that every aggressor that has sought to threaten Afghanistan has ultimately faced defeat, describing it as a lesson for others contemplating hostile actions against the country.Noori also called on citizens to preserve national unity and continue supporting the Islamic system, saying the government is committed to protecting the people while urging the public to stand behind the country's institutions.

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Heavy Trucks Barred From Salang Highway Ahead of Major Reconstruction Project

KABUL: The country's Ministry of Public Works said in a statement on Tuesday that heavy trailer trucks will be prohibited from using the strategic Salang Highway beginning Friday, July 10, as the ministry prepares to launch reconstruction work on the highway.

The restriction will remain in effect until further notice, the statement said, urging truck drivers to complete the transportation of their cargo in both directions before the deadline.

After the closure takes effect, trailer trucks will not be permitted to travel through the Salang route, the statement emphasized.

"All other cargo vehicles and passenger transport will continue to use the highway under normal traffic regulations and the guidance of Salang authorities," the statement further said.

The Salang Highway is the country's most vital north-south transport artery, serving as a key route for trade, passenger movement, and economic activities.

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Young Talent Mehran Gholami Boosts Afghanistan Squad

Mehran Gholami, a rising star of Afghanistan's national futsal team, has joined the squad's training and selection camp in Kabul. At just 20 years old, he is already considered one of the most promising talents of the country's new generation of futsal players.

Born in Iran, Gholami began his career during his family's years in exile. His standout performances in Iran's Premier Futsal League quickly drew attention, showcasing his technical skills, sharp ball control, and attacking flair. His consistency at the club level earned him a place in Afghanistan's national team, where he has become a vital part of the starting lineup in recent international competitions.Beyond his contributions to Afghanistan, Gholami's talent has opened doors to competitive futsal leagues abroad. He has gained valuable experience playing in top divisions in Iran, Iraq, and Spain. Despite the challenges of growing up as a migrant and facing economic hardship, he remained determined to pursue his sporting ambitions.Now training under the guidance of a Serbian head coach, Gholami has set his sights on helping Afghanistan qualify for the FIFA Futsal World Cup. He has expressed his commitment to working hard and contributing to the team's success on the global stage.The camp in Kabul has brought together 80 futsal players from across Afghanistan, including several migrant athletes from Iran. At its conclusion, the coaching staff will select the best performers to represent Afghanistan in both the national A and B teams.

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Pak Military Regime Condemned for...

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Condemning this crime is not merely a political statement; it is a moral obligation.

The deliberate targeting of civilians is an assault on humanity itself. Pakistan's military regime has once again demonstrated its disregard for international norms, and the world must respond with firmness. Pressure, accountability, and justice are the only ways to ensure that such atrocities do not recur.

In conclusion, the Samkani airstrikes stand as a stark example of crimes against humanity.

The blood of innocent Afghans must not be forgotten, and their cries for justice must resonate across borders. The international community must act decisively, not only to investigate and condemn but to prevent future atrocities.

Afghanistan's civilians deserve peace, dignity, and protection—not to be sacrificed in the reckless violence of a military regime.

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Rather, the greatest challenges facing Afghanistan are poverty, ignorance, unemployment, underdevelopment, illiteracy, and division.

All Afghans share the same homeland, breathe the same air, and depend upon the same future for the prosperity and security of their children.

Sustainable progress cannot be achieved without security, trust, cooperation, and national solidarity.

The time has come to replace hostility with dialogue, hatred with compassion, division with cooperation, and prejudice with mutual respect.

Every citizen—whether a teacher, student, scholar, journalist, public servant, businessperson, parent, or young person—has a role to play in building a united, prosperous, and dignified Afghanistan. Great transformations always begin with small but sincere efforts undertaken collectively.

Ultimately, national unity, solidarity, brotherhood, and social cohesion are not merely political slogans or idealistic aspirations. They are essential conditions for the survival, stability, and advancement of every nation.

If Afghans place national interests above narrow personal, ethnic, linguistic, and group interests; if they work together for the reconstruction and development of their homeland; and if they remain committed to the moral and ethical values that have long sustained their society, then a brighter, more peaceful, and more prosperous future awaits Afghanistan.

Afghanistan is the shared home of all its citizens. The reconstruction and prosperity of this home can only be achieved through mutual trust, cooperation, and unity. By strengthening brotherhood, respecting one another, and working together toward common goals, the people of Afghanistan can leave a lasting legacy of peace, dignity, and progress for future generations.

The future of Afghanistan will not be shaped by division, but by the unity and determination of its people.